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## DECISION MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** JOE CUSICK

**DATE:** JANUARY 10, 2003

**RE:** QWEST PROPOSAL FOR UPGRADING FACILITIES IN SOUTHERN IDAHO THROUGH THE USE OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS.

### BACKGROUND

On December 30, 2002, Qwest filed the attached proposal for the disposition of funds generated from the U S WEST Revenue Sharing Program. In its letter, the Company proposes to match the funds from the Revenue Sharing Program for the purpose of upgrading outside plant facilities throughout the southern Idaho area.

Qwest proposes to use the funds for four components:

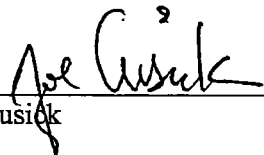
- 1) Replacement of lead sheath cabling in the local exchange network in selected wire centers
- 2) Replacement or rehabilitation of air core cabling in the local exchange network in selected wire centers
- 3) Replacement of control points or access points (i.e. terminal boxes or enclosures) in selected wire centers
- 4) Replacement of Anaconda analog carrier systems across southern Idaho

These proposed components represent areas that experience higher incidents of trouble reports from customers. The Company believes that implementation of this program will result in improved customer service. The Company proposes that this program take place over a three-year period.

Staff believes that the Company's proposal has merit and should be put out for public comment through Modified Procedure. Staff suggests a comment period of twenty-one days.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to put Qwest's proposal for upgrading of facilities out for Modified Procedure?

  
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Joe Cusick